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November 29, 2004

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station – 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-88A, D.T.E. 03-88B, D.T.E. 03-88C, D.T.E. 03-88D, D.T.E. 03-88E
and D.T.E. 03-88F, Costs To Be Included in Default Service Rates

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

I am writing on behalf of Boston Edison Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, (collectively, “NSTAR Electric”) Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company to propose an alternative schedule in accordance with the Hearing Officer’s dated November 26, 2004.¹ In denying a previous request to postpone the evidentiary hearings, the Hearing Officer stated that the Department would consider granting an extension, provided that the hearings “be concluded on or before December 14, 2004.” Hearing Officer Ruling at 2, fn.2.

Accordingly, the following schedule is proposed:

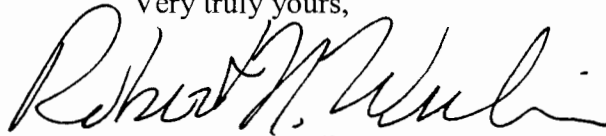
- 10:00 am, December 13, 2004 — NSTAR Electric
- 2:00 pm, December 13, 2004 — Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
- 10:00 am, December 14, 2004 — Massachusetts and Nantucket Electric Company
- 2:00 pm, December 14, 2004 — Western Massachusetts Electric Company.

¹ Western Massachusetts Electric Company is prepared to go forward with its hearing on December 3, 2004, but would also be prepared to go forward on December 14, 2004, if the Department of Telecommunications and Energy decides to grant this request.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Werlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert N. Werlin

cc: John Geary, Hearing Officer
Service Lists